

WILLIS F. BROWN, CPA  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
1300 SOUTH UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SUITE 308  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76107-5735

(817) 338-1113  
Metro (817) 429-7422  
Fax (817) 338-1163  
e-mail wbrown@sgw-cpas.com

Member of  
Texas Society of  
Certified Public Accountants

January 25, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

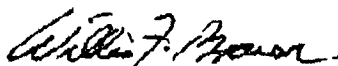
I am a practicing CPA and have been using Microsoft products for many years. I currently use Internet Explorer, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and Microsoft Outlook. These are all superior products. Never have I felt disadvantaged in not being able to use competing products since I could switch at any time if I wanted to. As far as Windows is concerned it is a superior operating system. I have never met anyone who felt handicapped in not being able to use another operating system.

Everyday as I read about the settlement process regarding the Microsoft anti-trust case, I become more annoyed with our federal legal system. After three years of litigation, I fail to see what can be scrutinized any longer. Microsoft has made numerous concessions in an attempt to resolve this case.

Under this settlement Microsoft will disclose the protocols and design interfaces of Windows. This will enable developers to design software that is increasingly compatible with the Windows system. In addition to this users will be able to delete Windows programs that they do not want on their system with greater ease.

The settlement can finally bring an end to this case that has drained resources for more than three years now. I support the settlement, and hope it is enacted soon.

Sincerely,



Willis F. Brown, CPA

TOTAL P.01